

# HOUSE BILL No. 1239

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1.

**Synopsis:** Confidentiality of telephone numbers. Provides that the telephone numbers of a buyer and seller on a sales disclosure form filed with the county auditor are confidential.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

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**Cherry, Frenz, Reske, Saunders**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-5.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.245-2003,  
2       SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3. (a) Before filing a conveyance document with  
4       the county auditor under IC 6-1.1-5-4, all the parties to the conveyance  
5       must complete and sign a sales disclosure form as prescribed by the  
6       department of local government finance under section 5 of this chapter.  
7       All the parties may sign one (1) form, or if all the parties do not agree  
8       on the information to be included on the completed form, each party  
9       may sign and file a separate form.  
10       (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the auditor shall forward  
11       each sales disclosure form to the county assessor. The county assessor  
12       shall retain the forms for five (5) years. The county assessor shall  
13       forward the sales disclosure form data to the department of local  
14       government finance and the legislative services agency, in electronic  
15       format if possible. The county assessor shall forward a copy of the sales  
16       disclosure forms to the township assessors in the county. The forms  
17       may be used by the county assessing officials, the department of local

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government finance, and the legislative services agency for the purposes established in IC 6-1.1-4-13.6, sales ratio studies, equalization, and any other authorized purpose.

(c) In a county containing a consolidated city, the auditor shall forward the sales disclosure form to the appropriate township assessor. The township assessor shall forward the sales disclosure form to the department of local government finance and the legislative services agency, in electronic format if possible. The township assessor shall forward a copy of the sales disclosure forms to the township assessors in the county. The forms may be used by the county assessing officials, the department of local government finance, and the legislative services agency for the purposes established in IC 6-1.1-4-13.6, sales ratio studies, equalization, and any other authorized purpose.

**(d) If a sales disclosure form includes the telephone number of a party, the telephone number is confidential.**

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-5.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2002, SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. The department of local government finance shall prescribe a sales disclosure form for use under this chapter. The form prescribed by the department of local government finance must include at least the following information:

- (1) The key number of the parcel (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-8.5).
- (2) Whether the entire parcel is being conveyed.
- (3) The address of the property.
- (4) The date of the execution of the form.
- (5) The date the property was transferred.
- (6) Whether the transfer includes an interest in land or improvements, or both.
- (7) Whether the transfer includes personal property.
- (8) An estimate of any personal property included in the transfer.
- (9) The name and address of each transferor and transferee.
- (10) The mailing address to which the property tax bills or other official correspondence should be sent.
- (11) The ownership interest transferred.
- (12) The classification of the property (as residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, vacant land, or other).
- (13) The total price actually paid or required to be paid in exchange for the conveyance, whether in terms of money, property, a service, an agreement, or other consideration, but excluding tax payments and payments for legal and other services that are incidental to the conveyance.
- (14) The terms of seller provided financing, such as interest rate,

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points, type of loan, amount of loan, and amortization period, and whether the borrower is personally liable for repayment of the loan.

(15) Any family or business relationship existing between the transferor and the transferee.

(16) Other information as required by the department of local government finance to carry out this chapter.

**If a form under this section includes the telephone number of a transferor or transferee, the telephone number is confidential.**

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-33.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2001, SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. The division of data analysis shall do the following:

(1) Compile an electronic data base that includes the following:

(A) The local government data base.

(B) Information on sales of real and personal property, including **nonconfidential** information from sales disclosure forms filed under IC 6-1.1-5.5.

(C) Personal property assessed values and data entries on personal property return forms.

(D) Real property assessed values and data entries on real property assessment records.

(E) Information on property tax exemptions, deductions, and credits.

(F) Any other data relevant to the accurate determination of real property and personal property tax assessments.

(2) Make available to each county and township software that permits the transfer of the data described in subdivision (1) to the division in a uniform format through a secure connection over the Internet.

(3) Analyze the data compiled under this section for the purpose of performing the functions under section 3 of this chapter.

(4) Conduct continuing studies of personal and real property tax deductions, abatements, and exemptions used throughout Indiana. The division of data analysis shall, before May 1 of each even-numbered year, report on the studies at a meeting of the budget committee and submit a report on the studies to the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the legislative council.

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